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RESTRICTED SESSION

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1. PURSUANT TO REF A, I RAISED WITH DSYG PANSA ON 14 APRIL THE US PREFERENCES CONCERNING THE RESTRICTED SESSION FOR THE DPC MINISTERIAL AGENDA. PANSA, AIDED BY ASYG MUMFORD, MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:
- THOUGH TRANSCRIPTS OF RESTRICTED SESSIONS ARE NEVER MADE, HE SAW NO OBJECTION TO SYG LUNS PROPOSING A RECORD OF DECISIONS OF SUBSTANTIVE POINTS DERIVING FROM THE DISCUSSION.
- DEPENDING ON THE OUTCOME OF THE RESTRICTED DISCUSSION, IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE IN SOME CASES TO RECORD SOME DECISIONS UNDER APPROPRIATE ITEMS OF THE REGULAR AGENDA.
- GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SUMMIT, HE SAW NO DIFFICULTY IN ENTITLING THE RESTRICTED SESSION AS "FOLLOW-UP TO THE NATO SUMMIT."
- HE SPECULATED THAT SYG LUNS WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO THE IDEA OF MAKING A GENERAL OPENING STATEMENT GIVING HIS CONFIDENTIAL

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IMPRESSIONS OF FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS REQUIRED BUT URGED STRONGLY THAT WE SHARE BEFOREHAND ANY POINTS OF SUBSTANCE THAT SECRETARY BROWN INTENDS TO RAISE.
- HE TENTATIVELY AGREED THAT THE RESTRICTED SESSION COULD BE SCHEDULED AFTER THE STATEMENTS BY THE EUROGROUP CHAIRMAN AND CMC, AND MORE OR LESS BE BILLED AS A "KEY NOTE" ITEM FOR THE REST OF THE AGENDA.
- HE SUGGESTED THATWEEXPLORE OUR PROPOSAL FOR THE RESTRICTED SESSION AT THE DRC MEETING ON 15 ARPIL, AND AGAIN, IF NECESSARY, AT THE DPC PERMREPS DISCUSSION OF

THE AGENDA SCHEDULED FOR 22 APRIL.

2. COMMENT: I FOUND PANSA'S REACTION POSITIVE AND FORTHCOMING AND HOPE THAT WE CAN SHARE WITH LUNS THE SUBSTANTIVE POINTS OF SECRETARY BROWN'S PROPOSED INTERVENTION. REF C RECEIVED AFTER THE MEETING WITH PANSA, BUT I ASSUME THAT HIS SUGGESTION THAT THE RESTRICTED SESSION BEGIN AFTER THE PRO FORMA PICTURE TAKING AND STATEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EUROGROUP AND THE CMC WOULD MEET WASHINGTON'S DESIRES. IN EFFECT, THE RESTRICTED SESSION WOULD BECOME THE FIRST ITEM ON THE SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA.END COMMENT. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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